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ROAD WORK

NOW BEFORE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Final Reports on Osborne and Charles

Street Work Accepted by Council-

Walnut Street, Jerome Place and

Delaware Avenue Matters Progress-

ing-Spruce Street Matter at a Stand-

In accordance with the law, the Town

Clerk issued notice on September 18 that

objections to the reports and maps filed

by the Board of Assessors in the matter

of laying out, opening, extending and

widening Osborne Street and Charles

Street would be received by the Town

as to the ratio of valuations followed by

Street matter, and the report was ap-

In the matter of opening Jerome Place

and Walnut Street extension, Mr. Gilbert

said that a hearing had been given by

the Board on Friday evening, October 3

Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Gilbert

if anything had been done in the Dela-

the property owners had been called for

Councilman Moore inquired about the

status of the Spruce Street widening.

Mr. Gilbert replied that the property.

owners had not yet reached any agree-

Mr. Gilbert stated to the Council that

the numerous matters now before the

Board of Assessors were bethy acted

upon as speedly as possible. For the

very busy with its regular tax assess-

and adjourned to October 9.

ware Avenue opening matter.

Friday evening, October 10.

ment among themselves.

TAX DUPLICATE FOR CURRENT YEAR JEATUS OF A NUMBER OF PETITIONS APPROVED.

> Progress Report on Essex Cross Railway Franchise Application-A New Culvert Proposed for Glenwood Avenue - Other Matters of Public Interest.

The Town Council met in regular session Monday night, and every member was present. Councilman Conlan, whose appearance was a surprise to his colleagues, was congratulated upon his recovery. The Council held a busy session, discussing road ad sidewalk mattere, and ratifying a pnew of the

When the Council met Monda night
Town Clerk Johnson reported that only one objection had been received in the matter of Osborne Street, and that was from Samuel Bassinger, who alleged that he derived no beneat from the opening of the street, and objected to the assessment of an objected, and as a did not represent a sufficient amount of property to prevent the configuration by the Council of the district.

The Board of Assessor propented the tax duplicate of the question of the approval of the Council of the approval of the Council man for inspection of the duplicate, and it was not long be are Councilman Farrand and Mr. Gilbert were involved in a discussion over the assessment of a piece of Harrison Street property. Other members of the Council became interrested in the duplicate, and it was not long be are Councilman Farrand and Mr. Gilbert were involved in a discussion over the assessment of a piece of Harrison Street property. Other members of the Council became interrested in the duplicate, and it was not long be are Councilman Farrand and Mr. Gilbert were involved in a discussion over the assessment of a piece of the question of the duplicate of the question of the councilman farrand and Mr. Gilbert were involved in a discussion over the assessment of a piece of the question at the council of the council became interrested in the duplicate of the question of the council of sufficient amount of property to prevent rested in the question at issue, and the the configuration by the Council of the ten minutes recess was indefinitely proreport of the Assessors, the report was longed. The Quncil voted to approve confirmed, after some discussion between the duplicate, with the exception of the Councilman Moore and Assessor Gilbert disputed assessment in Harrison Street, which Councilman Conlan said could be the Assertors in levying assessments.

No objections were presented against receiving and approving the report of included after the members of the Councli had visited the property in question and judged for themselves of the equitathe Board of Assessors in the Charles bleness of the assessment.

Councilman Cenian of the Finance Committee submitted the financial statement of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne for the month of September, which was read by the Clerk and ordered filed.

Councilman Unanget of the Fire Committee reported that repairs to the firealarm system had been made at a cost of \$5 36, and professional electricians who had been requested to test the eys-Mr. Giftert replied that a hearing of tem had reported it in good condition.

The Town Clerk was directed to issue notice to Morton Street property-owners that or jections in writing to workmanship or material used in the construction of the sewer in that street would be received at the next meeting of the Council.

Councilman Conlan of the Road Committee reported the need of a new culvert scross Glenwood Avenue near Second Street, and stated that Director McGowan of the Board of Freeholders past several months the Board had been was endeavoring to have the Board put 40 inch pipe across the avenue.

> Councilman Walker made inquiry from Assessor Gilbert as to the delay in the levying of the Belleville avenue storm sewer assessment.

Mr. Gilbert repiled that some very important problems had arisen in conpection with that work, and the commissioners had to proceed very carefully, as the action they were taking would have a bearing on all future work of the

The monthly report of Chief of Police Collins showed eight arrests and \$29.50 in fines for the mouth of September.

Councilman Moore of the Franchise Committee made the usual progress report on the franchise application of the Essex Cross Raliway.

The railway company was not represented at the meeting. Mr. Eppley may pounce down on the Council some night and tell the Councilmen some things like he told the irvington Councilmen Tuesday night. He told the Irvington Council that the Essex Cross Railway Company feit that the town was asking too much for a municipality of its size, and they could not afford to construct a mile of road which would cost, when completed, in the neighborhood of sixty thousand dollars. The earnings would not warrant such an outlay, regardless of the 21/2 per cent. tax imposed. "It looks to us," Mr. Eppley said, "as though the town wants to get a grip on us. If this franchise is so valuable, why you had better keep it for some gentleman who will pay your price. though you may have to keep it a long while before that man appears. If, however, the Town Council will modify the present ordinance according to the terms of the one submitted by me at one of your previous meetings, which passed its first reading, I will strongly advise the Board of Directors to accept

"A word or two just now in the way of an explanation to the public of our stand would not be out of place," put in Councilman Tuttle, "Trolley roads are no longer experiments; we know what they are, and to give a franchise to a quasi corporation for a term of years without any compensation is unfair to the public, who are the owners of the right of way. We can't ask for a cash compensation, and we have tried to incorporate in this ordinance provisions which would be the equivalent of a cash payment."

"Mr. Tuttle may be right in his argument," replied President Eppley, "but if this Council thinks that franchise is so valuable, why it can hold it. We are perfectly willing that it should do so; we'll build our road on private property; paying for our rights of way. Then we can build a road to suit ourselves and run our cars to suit our own convenier without soking the Town Council for

The Water Company Explains. At a meeting of the East Orang City Council a letter from the Orange Water Company explaining the increase in the water rate was road. It was as follows: Appeared is the answer the company will make to questions concerning the advance in water rates; viz:

The first of the year we were informed that it was the purpose of the city to take our plant when the ochtract expired July 1. Proceedings were commenced, when the sickness of Mr. William Clark made is necessary for hie son Mr. J. W. Clark one of the commissioners, to go to Europe, where he was detained for tome time. In June the city requested the contract extended for this manthe, to October 1, to this he water company assented, air ratio that the city should pay reased bost of coal, by going into the market at once, and buying the whole three months' supply. This increased tost was reduced to a comprice of all the increase of cost will be very large. The hearing before the complished bas not been fluished. Then is only a six inch connection with Newalt and if more were made, the gravity pressure would not supply above the first floor in many streets, and no fire pressure anywhere. Under these circumstances the company decided that the best course to take was to buy coal on the only terms they could obtain it, at present, so long as they could obtain coal, increasing all water bills, but making them for three months from October 1, instead of six months as heretofore. The advance in rates is 50 per cent.; six months at old rate was 7.50; three months at the new rate

MPORTANT ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

May Not Wait for Property Owners to Petition for Improvements-Council Can Lay Midewalks When in its Judgment Nach Action is Necessary - Property Owners Must Pay the Cont of the Work.

We have provided good roads for the horses and now we ought to devote attention to the needs of pelestrians, said Councilman Moore, Calrman of the Sidewalk Committee, at the Council meeting on Monday plots when side-walks was a leading topic of discussion. Mr. Moore further said that he would like to see property-owners stirred up in the matter of shawaiks and display some zero or brite in keeping the sidewalk in frost of their property in good countille. In the grusade against weeds along the sidewarks undertaken by the Sdewalk Committee, Mr Moore stated, many property-owners had cut down and removed the weeds at hig the sidewalk, but in some instances a stubborn property-owner in the milifle of the block would refuse to act, and thus destroy the uniform effect of the good work of his neighbors on each side of mm.

Councilmen Unanget cited the condition of the sidewalk on Glenwood Avenue along the Glenwood Park property as an instance of indifference of property-owners. Mr. Unanget wanted the Sidewalk Committee to put some ashes along that sidewalk, as it was used by all the children north of Second River attending the Prospect Street School.

Mr. Moore replied that the Sidewalk Committee had no funds with which to purchase ashes, as no appropriation had been for sidewalk purposes.

This led to a discussion of the power of the Council to compel an improvement of sidewalks. Attorney Halfpenny stated that under a supplement to the town act the Council could initiate proceedings for the improvement of sidewalks, and then pass the necessary ordinance.

Mr. Moore said that he had made some inquiry in Montclair about how the Montclair Council dealt with the sidewalk question, and found that the Council took the initiative whenever in its judgment a stone sidewalk was a necessity along any street, and did the work in accordance with law, and sent the bill to the property owner. The Montclair Council, Mr. Moore said, did not always wait for property-owners to petition for the improvement of hide-

Councilm in Contan offerent a motion that the Sidewalk Committee make an investigation of some of the needed aldewalk improvements, the Glenwood Avenue case in particiler, and report to the Council whether or not it was necessary and advisable for the Council to take the fultiative in securing an improvement of the sidewarks. This motion was adopted, and the Sidewalk Committee will act in accordance with

WATER CONTRACT

RENEWED FOR ANOTHER PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.

The Commissioners Appointed at the Request of the City of East Grange to Determine the Value of the Orange Water Company's Plant Have Not Yet Reported-No Increase in Water Rates in this Town and Gles Hidge.

Councilman Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, reported at the Town Council meeting on Monday night that the water contract between the town and the Orange Water Company had been renewed for another period of three months, from October 1 to December 31, The contract expired in July of the current year. At the time it expired the city of East Orange had started negotiations looking toward the purchase of the water company's plant, or as much of it as was necessary for the operation of a montelpal plant in that city, as the negotiations were in an inde stage, the water company extends *Bloomfield contract for a period of months, which covered it to the fist of the present month, and when he renews expired the question at issue between the city of East On we and the water company was till untitled; hence the renewal of the contract of another

quarterly period.

Chairm Petrason reported to the Council an interview he had with Joseph L. Monn, the later company's counsel, and in thish the question of water rates was also used. M. Monn stated to Mr. Peterson the situation between the water company and the city of East Orange, and which compelled an increase in the water rates in that place. Mr. Munn informed Mr. Peterson that there would be no increase in rates in this. town and Glen Ridge.

The large Trates to consumers in East Orange occasioned much excitement and indepent, a there, and will be an feel in the election next month. The renewal the contract here with out an increase in rates leads the Newark Evening News to include in some sarcastn ar follows

"The people of Bloomfield now real Le what a benevoient corporation the Orange Water Company really is. In spite of the increased price of coal, the company has made a temporary contract with the municipality for a supply of water 'on the same terms and conditions' as existed in the past Of course, the people on whom this boon has been conferred cannot fail to appreciate the great concession that has been made to them, and will show their appreciation by praise of the company, and thankfulness that they will be permitted to enter into a permanent contract for water with the same party in January next

"The residents of East Orange, on the other hand, in making a most vigorcus complaint against having their water.

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Property-Owners Pleased Councilman Conian, chairman of the Boad Committee, has had the the junction of the place of F twenty-lich pine with outch basins on each side of the street. He work was done by Contractor Callaban, and it is regarded a commendable improve-ment at the point, and the Road Com-mittee has seen congratulated by the propert owners of both Morris Place and Francis Avenue upon the good lob that has been done. It is character letic of the work of the present Road Committee that whatever work undertakes in the way of drainage streets is carried out with a view to both efficacy and permanency. It should be stated that the improvement made by the Road Committee was requested by Councilman Walker.

Registered 'Voters.

The registry lists posted by the Boards of Registrand Browns in the several result of the house to house canvass as follows: Fig. Ward - First District, 436 votes. The total will b creased on the final repetrat a day Tuesday, October 25th, where voters who were missed in the house to how e can vass will appear in person and to legistered.

Heavy Obligations Imposed.

The Elizabeth City Council on Wedneeday night passed the Essex Cross Railway Company a fram bise optimates on second feating, but hup feet such heavy the netal uning sties been the company that it is not likely that the latter will accept the francises. It prowhile that the could want tulen Det to the city teriles all the petating their rhad other taxes, etc. This was voted down Mr. Eppley, representing the company, after the \$1,000 per year exaction had

Council chamber in anger It is said that the company may use the tracks of Senator John Rean's read in entering from Bi-comfield and Irvington, in which event they would find a terminus in Elizabeth without cost, except the State franchise tax and the local taxation for she le, etc.

been inserted in the ordinance, left the